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TOWN OF CENTRE HARBOR

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—OF THE—

Selectmen, Treasurer,

—AND—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

—OF THE TOWN OF—

CENTRE HARBOR,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1, 1882.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Inventory taken April 1, 1881.

Personal property and polls,	$66,019 00
Real Estate,	145,673 00

Sums of Money raised by Taxation in 1881.

State Tax,	$412 00
County Tax,	619 29
For Town expenses,	350 00
School Tax,	380 00
	$1761 29

Statement of Accounts with Collector of Taxes.

Total amount of taxes committed to Daniel B. Smith for collection,	$3107 65
Total amount received of him in receipts from the treasurer, discounts and abatements	1664 26
Balance due.	$1443 39

$1249 47 of this being highway tax, most of which has been worked.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CANNEY,
FREDERICK T. HAWKINS,
JAMES H. CLARK,
} *Selectmen of Centre Harbor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer in Account with the Town of Centre Harbor.

	Dr.
Cash received of John H. Moulton,	$150 82
" Alonzo Perkins,	320 15
" D. B. Smith,	1652 57
" " Highway Tax,	12 16
" " on book 1873,	10 66
" A. W. Canney,	3 67
Railroad Tax,	6 90
Savings Bank Tax,	407 94
Literary Fund,	33 11
Cash received of G. W. Paine, Collector 1875,	84 27
	$2682 25

Paid Pauper Bills.

	Cr.
W. Blake, medicine for G. Thompson,	$8 00
J. W. Beede, clothing for "	6 50
M. C. Brown, medicine "	2 00
G. S. Bartlett, " "	10 65
Town of Plymouth, supplies for G. Poindexter.	60 14
	$87 29

Paid Sheep Damage.

A. C. True, three sheep killed,	$12 00
W. C. Clifton, two "	10 00
Victor R. Bixby, one sheep,	5 00
C. H. Canney, "	3 00
	$30 00

Paid Roads and Bridges.

Victor R. Bixby, road bill,	$12 00
C. H. Canney, new road,	13 00
" "	7 00
" "	1 88
" Sandy Hill,	50 00
" D. B. Smith,	15 00
S. G. Bartlett, road bill,	3 34
P. F. McIntire, "	10 00
" "	3 30
M. C. Clark, "	20 72
John N. Davis, "	19 84
C. P. Leavitt, "	3 57
James Bartlett, "	1 87
J. H. Clark, "	2 37
J. L. Randall, "	11 11
S. F. Mudgett, "	8 98
O. F. Hawkins, "	5 33
G. H. Piper, "	2 75
Lester Plaisted, Province road,	26 25
D. B. Smith, road bill,	10 00
	$228 31

Paid Schools.

C. H. Weeks,	District No. 1,	$186 75
Mrs. Follett,	" 3,	43 22
A. W. Canney,	" 4,	58 60
W. Huntress,	" 5,	37 92
S. F. Mudgett,	" 6,	28 12
Frank Mudgett,	" 7,	28 12
J. O. Clark,	" 8,	6 57
		$389 30

Paid Miscellaneous Expenses.

G. F. Sanborn, printing report,	$8 25
E. C. Eastman, books,	2 68
Jonathan Fox, care Town House,	3 50
J. H. Perkins, watering trough,	3 00
H. M. Senter, perambulate line,	1 00
S. H. Robie, printing tax bills,	1 00
S. W. Rollins, for council,	8 00
J. B. Clark, town warrant,	1 00
J. M. Paine, one day at Concord and expenses to pay State Tax,	5 00
G. W. Paine, collecting tax for 1875,	25 00
	$58 43

Paid Services.

George Lovejoy, Supervisor,	$1 00
L. W. Watson, "	6 00
C. H. Moody, School Committee,	25 00

W. C. Clifton, Town Clerk,	20 00
J. H. Clark, Selectman,	16 00
F. T. Hawkins, "	24 00
C. H. Canney, "	50 00
" Overseer of the Poor,	17 00
J. M. Paine, Treasurer,	10 00
	$169 00

Paid State and County.

State Tax,	$412 00
County Tax,	619 29
	$1031 29

Recapitulation.

By receipts,	$2682 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pauper Bills,	$87 29	
Sheep Damage,	30 00	
Roads and Bridges,	228 31	
Schools,	389 30	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	58 43	
Services,	169 00	
State and County Tax,	1031 29	
Cash on hand to balance,	688 63	
		$2682 25

Estimated Standing of the Town.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1882,				$688 63
Due from Daniel B. Smith, Collector for			1874,	20 02
"	"	"	1881,	191 01
"	Wm. J. Perkins,	"	'76, '77, '78,	130 10
				$1029 76

JAMES M. PAINE, *Treasurer.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

In most respects, the various schools in town have been quite successful during the past year. But all of them might have been far more so, if the prudential committees and parents and guardians had borne in mind their responsibility in the matter. Very few of them seem to realize that it is their duty to visit the school and encourage both teacher and pupils. Also most of the committees have been *slack* about requiring the teacher to obtain a certificate of qualification before commencing the school, and also a certificate at the close of the term, stating that the register has been properly kept and duly returned to the proper officer.

Only two of the teachers were examined before commencing their schools. Also I have been troubled to obtain the school registers, and one has not yet been returned. In view of these facts, allow me to call the attention of prudential committees to the following statutes and comments thereon:

"No person shall be *employed* or paid for services as a teacher, unless he shall produce and deliver to the prudential committee a certificate of the school committee of the town in which the district where the school is to be kept is, *or is deemed to be*, that he is well qualified to instruct youth in the branches to be taught in such school."—(Gen. Laws, chap. 89, sect. 6.

"Regularly the teacher should first be examined and obtain the proper certificate, then produce and deliver the same to the prudential committee, or offer it to him, and then make the contract; but in practice the contract is usually made first, and then the examination, certificate delivery or tender to the prudential committee follows; whereupon the teacher, with the

consent of the committee, tacit or otherwise, enters upon the discharge of his duties. If the teacher commences his school without such certificate and its delivery or tender, upon the application of any person interested as a tax-payer in the district, the court will restrain the district, and its committee or agent, by injunction, from paying such teacher for services rendered before he obtained and delivered or tendered the proper certificate."—(Barr *v.* Deniston, 19 N. H. 170.)

"Every teacher, at the close of his school and at the end of each term thereof, *shall* make a return of such register or record to the school committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof; and *no teacher* shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the prudential committee."—(Gen. Laws, chap. 89, sect. 16.)

District No. 1, or Union District. Teacher, Miss Mabel Stevens. Number of terms, 3. Number of weeks, 28. Whole number of pupils, 42. Miss Stevens is the only teacher in town who has received a normal training, and her school for the past year has shown the benefit of such a training. Although the largest and hardest school in town, it has been by far the most successful one. Order has been maintained, and thorough advancement has been made by all the classes.

The following names were placed on the roll of honor:

First term, Jennie Blackey, Eliza Graves, Mabel Mallard, Willie Mallard, and Johnnie White. Second term, Alice Paine. Third term, R. Lewis Coe, Curtis Coe, Willie Mallard, and Johnnie White.

District No. 2. There has been no school in this District for two or three years, and the school money still remains in the town treasury. There is no suitable school building in the district, but there are four children of school age. I suggest the question: What shall be done?

District No. 3. Teacher, Miss Julia Etta True. Number of terms, 1. Number of weeks, 12. Whole number of pupils, 14. Miss True proved herself to be a good teacher for this grade of school. The instruction was *thorough* and the deportment *good*.

The names of Alice Canney, and Amy Hilliard were placed on the roll of honor.

District No. 4. Teacher, Miss Venie E. Welch. Num- of terms, 1. Number of weeks, 11. Whole number of pupils, 36. This is a large, hard and backward school. Miss Welch is a capable and faithful teacher, but neither she nor I was satisfied with the school. Some of the scholars seemed to be determined not to learn. I think the teacher did not receive that sympathy and support from the parents that she ought to have had. According to the register the prudential committee did not visit the school during the term, and there were only four calls from parents and guardians.

The names of Flora Canney, Alice Canney, Bertha Fox, Lida Fox, Florence Smith, Sadie Tuttle, Edith Webster, Eugene Fox and Willie Merrill were placed on the roll of honor.

District No. 5. Teacher, Miss Minnie A. Mead. Number of terms, 1. Number of weeks, 8. Whole number of pupils, 14. Miss Mead is a fine scholar, and she also possesses a wonderful faculty for gaining the good will and respect of her pupils. There was good order and the advancement was as rapid as could be expected under the circumstances. The term is too short to expect great progress. As soon as the school is well organized and the scholars have become interested in their studies, the eight weeks are gone and the school is closed for the year.

The names of Martha Hawkins, Abbie Hawkins, Vina

Hawkins, Eben Hawkins, Charlie Fogg and Charlie Thompson were placed on the roll of honor.

District No. 6. Teacher, Miss Minnie M. Perley. Number of terms, 1. Number of weeks, 10. Whole number of pupils, 17. Miss Perley was very faithful in performing her work, and the school was far more successful than I thought it would be. It was a question with me at the beginning of the term whether to allow Miss Perley to continue the school. I had no doubt about her scholarship, but I was afraid she would fail in government and discipline; but I was happily disappointed at each successive visit; the school grew better week by week, instead of worse.

The names of Warren S. Brown, Nettie Nudd, Martha Watson, Lizzie Hawkins and Carl Watson, were placed on the roll of honor.

District No. 7. Teacher, Miss Venie E. Welch. Number of terms, 1. The register has not been received, but I think there were ten weeks of school and eight pupils. This is the smallest school in town, but by no means is it the most backward. It is the only school in which algebra was taught. The order was good, and the advancement comparatively rapid and thorough.

In concluding this report, I would say that there has been an exchange of arithmetics made without expense either to the parents or to the town. Some good series of geographies, as well as of grammars ought also to be introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN B. MOODY.

Centre Harbor, N. H., Mar. 1, 1882. *Supt. of Schools.*

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